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THREE MORE ASSISTANCE CENTERS WILL OPEN

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Three more assistance centers will open next week to help residents of counties affected by this winter's severe flooding, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) announced today.

Before visiting the centers, affected homeowners, renters and business owners should contact their insurance carriers, and register for disaster assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA** (**3362**), from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, or by registering on line at www.FEMA.gov. The registration number is (TTY) **1-800-462-7585** for those who are speech- or hearing-impaired.

The centers will be staffed by OES and other state agencies, voluntary agencies, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other federal agencies to answer questions and provide information about disaster recovery and reducing damage in future disasters.

Center hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The centers will be closed on Sundays.

The schedule for next week includes:

Contra Costa County	Feb.13-15	2180 Diamond Blvd., Concord.
	Feb. 16-18	14330 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo.
Lake County	Starting Feb. 13	575 E. Hwy. 20, Upper Lake.
Del Norte County	Starting Feb. 13	Community Center, 190 Klamath Blvd., Klamath.